

***Shelby County Fire Department
Headquarters
1075 Mullins Station Rd. Bldg. "C", 2nd floor
Memphis, TN 38134***



******* MEDIA RELEASE *******

Date: March 22, 2012
Address: 200 block of Summerfield
Time: 9:02PM

Wednesday evening multiple calls were received by Shelby County Fire Department Dispatchers that contained reports of a home to be "well involved", with fire showing from the area of the garage and progressing up toward the attic spaces. The 2,386 square foot – two story home was occupied by two parents and their three children all who were able to escape without injury. Shelby County Fire dispatched Engine Companies 61, 62, 65 and Rescue 66 along with Memphis Fire Department Engine 54 and Truck 28 and Germantown Engine 93. In all, more than thirty firefighters were involved in both simultaneous interior and exterior attacks on the progressing fire. There are no injuries to fire fighters.

The occupants of the home reported hearing what they described as a boom and upon looking for the sound discovered that their garage was entirely ablaze which resulted in their immediate exit from the house. The fire was reported as knocked down by 9:21pm and fire fighters continued cooling hot spots past the midnight hour.

One of the difficulties faced by the fire fighters was the increasing wind conditions which required additional scanning of flying embers and valiant efforts were made to protect the subsequent homes nearby from catching fire as well. The two homes on either side of the fire were evacuated as a precaution.

The Fire Investigator arrived on the scene to begin the initial phases of determining the cause of the fire as well as review the functionality of the smoke detectors within the home which is considered a total loss.

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